Recommendations of the Chattopadhyaya Commission

3319. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommendations of the Chattopadhyaya Commission for ameliorating the plight of teachers;

(b) what are the recommendations which have been accepted by Government;

(c) what are the reasons for not accepting the pay scales as recommended by the Commission for Primary/Secondary/Sr. Secondary as well as College/University Teachers; and

(d) what would be the financial impact on Government resources if the pay scales recommended by the Commission are allowed to teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) A statement is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 135].

(c) and (d) The National Commission on Teachers-I (NCT-I) has not recommended any specific pay scale for different categories of school teachers. NCT-I had recommended an illustrative model of a composite running pay scale for all categories of teachers and educational administrators, starting from Rs. 500/- and going upto Rs. 3950/-. Consideration of pay scales of University and College teachers was not within the purview of NCT-I. However, in the light of the recommendations of the NCT-I, the report of the IVth Central Pay Commission as also the postulates of the National Policy on Education, the Government revised the pay scales of school teachers on 12-8-87. The Government has not favoured a single running scale as it would not be in the best interest of maintaining the educational standards and may act as a disincentive to teachers acquiring higher qualifications. The Government of India does not maintain the up-to-date position of number of teachers of various categories in States and their existing pay and allowances. Therefore detailed financial implications of making applicable a running pay scale to all the teachers in the Country is not available in the Ministry.

Improvement of National Highways

3320. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any plans to give priority in the improvement of National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, names of each Highway which are likely to be taken up under this plan project; and

(c) what is the volume of funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The improvement and development of National Highways is continuous process and is being done, as a part of 7th Five Year Plan of the country. The improvement works included in the 7th Plan cover all National Highwavs and include construction of missing links, improvement to low grade section, widening and strengthening major and minor bridges and byepasses The improvement works are identified depending upon availability of resources and